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Rosetta Radar 1.40 Finds the Intel Code Hiding Inside Your Mac Apps

The free Mac utility now checks plug-ins and helpers inside your apps, scans much faster, and exports exactly the list you need

Ridgewood, NJ — October 5, 2026 — Ast-Ware Arts today released **Rosetta Radar 1.40**, a major update to its free utility that shows which Mac apps depend on Apple's Rosetta 2. Version 1.40 goes deeper than ever, finding Intel-only plug-ins, drivers and helper programs hidden inside apps that otherwise look ready for Apple Silicon.

The Clock Is Still Ticking on Rosetta 2

The deadline hasn't moved. macOS 27, released last month, no longer includes general-purpose Rosetta 2; launching an Intel-based app now prompts you to download a limited Rosetta component. With **macOS 28**, expected in September 2027, Rosetta will be cut back to a small subset for certain older games, and most Intel-based apps will stop launching.

“A Universal app can still break if one of its plug-ins is Intel-only, and almost no one checks for that,” said Mark Astmann, developer of Rosetta Radar. “Version 1.40 finds those hidden pieces too, so you're not caught off guard when Rosetta goes away.”

What's New Since Launch

- **Plug-ins & helpers check:** Rosetta Radar finds Intel-only audio and video plug-ins, drivers, background items and helper programs inside your apps. It flags any native app that still contains them and gives each one a quick link to search for an Apple Silicon version.
- **Much faster scans:** App inspection now runs in parallel across all of your Mac's performance cores. On an M1 MacBook Pro with 307 apps and 36 Intel-only plug-ins and helpers, a scan took 34 seconds offline,

or 42 seconds with the online lookup turned on. Times vary with your Mac's speed and how many apps you have installed.
- **Size and Signing columns:** See each app's size on disk and how it's code-signed, read entirely offline.
- **Smarter external scanning:** Scan whole drives or just the folders you choose, across several drives. A Stop scan button finishes early and still builds the report from what's been found so far. Apps on backup and installer drives get their own section, so they don't inflate your totals.
- **Export just what you need:** Filter the report or click a tile, then use Print / Save as PDF or the new Save as CSV button to export only the apps currently on screen.
- **A full online manual** with current screenshots and a contents pane that jumps straight to any topic.

These join the features users already rely on: plain-language descriptions of about 6,000 common apps from a built-in offline library, a Source column showing each app's developer, app names that link to the developer's website, and a clean HTML report and CSV spreadsheet saved to your Desktop.

Still Free. Still Private.

Rosetta Radar is completely free, with no trial, no subscription and no sign-up. We don't even ask for your email address. It runs fully offline by default. An optional online lookup sends only the names of unrecognized apps, nothing else.

Availability

Rosetta Radar 1.40 is available now as a free download at https://ast-warearts.com/rosetta-radar/. A full online manual is at https://ast-warearts.com/rosetta-radar/manual/.

About Ast-Ware Arts

Ast-Ware Arts, based in Ridgewood, New Jersey, creates practical, privacy-respecting software for Mac users and small organizations.

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